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REMARKS

Claims 23-50 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-22 are canceled. The new claims find support in the specification. No new matter is added.

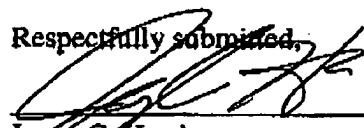
Telephonic Interviews

Applicants' representative thanks the examiner for the telephonic interviews of August 26, 2004 and September 20, 2004, in which the claim amendments presented above were discussed. Applicants' representative also thanks the examiner for directing correction of the date of the completion of the requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) in the present application.

Applicants' submit herewith new claims 23-50, which replace canceled claims 1-22. As discussed in the interviews, the current claims are distinguished over Fujii *et al.* because Fujii *et al.* discloses a peptide analogue that has a methoxybenzyloxycarbonyl modification at position 1 and a cycloheptyl modification at position 3. The current claims also exclude the glycation of the tyrosine residue at position 1 of O'Harte *et al.*

Applicants submit that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance, which action is requested. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 15-1721.

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